GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4703
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MEDICINAL PLANT BOARD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Medicinal Plant Board;

(b) if so, the composition, powers and functions of the Board;

(c) whether 29 Medicinal plants used by Siddha, Ayurvedha and other systems are under endangered category;

(d) if so, the names of the plants; and

(e) the steps taken to protect and preserve them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Medicinal Plants Board has been set up under the Chairpersonship of Minister of Health & Family Welfare, having members from different Ministries, Departments, Organisations, State Governments, experts in different related fields and organisations etc. The Medicinal Plants Board will coordinate activities relating to conservation, cultivation, marketing and export, etc. of medicinal plants.

(c) & (d) 29 Medicinal plants have been identified as threatened/endangered. List of such plants is enclosed at Annexure.

(e) These plants, plant portions, derivatives and extracts prepared out of these plants obtained from the wild are not allowed to be exported. Further, collection of certain plant species covered under Schedule-VI of the Wildlife(Protection) Act, 1972 from any forest land or a specified area has been banned by law. Steps are also being taken to encourage propagation and cultivation of such plant species by including them under various schemes such as in-situ/ex-situ Conservation, Biosphere reserves, establishment of Gene Banks, agro-techniques.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF PLANTS PROHIBITED FOR EXPORT AS PER NOTIFICATION NO.24 (RE-98)/1997-2002, DATED THE 14 IDENTIFIED AS THREATENED/ENDANGERED.

(Annexure to reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4703 for 18.4.2001)

1. Beddomes cycad (Cycas beddomei)

2. Blue vanda (Vanda coerulea)

3. Saussurea Costus

4. Ladies slipper orchid (Paphiopedilium species)

5. Pitcher plant (nepenthes Khasiana)
6. Red vanda (Renanthera Imschootiana)

7 Rauvolifia serpentina (sarpagandha)

8. Ceropegia species

9. Frerea indica (Shindal Mankundi)
10. Podophyllum hexandurm (emodi) (Indian Podophyllum)
11. Cyatheacea species (Tree Ferns)
12. Cycadacea species (Cycads)
13. Diosco deltoidea (Elephat`s foot)
14. Euphorbia species (Euphorbias)
15. Orchidaceae species (orchids)
16. Pterocoarpus santalinus (Redsanders)
17. Taxus Wallichiana (Common Yew or Birmi leaves)
18. Aquilaria malaccensis (Agarwood)
19. Aconitum species
20. Coptis teeta
21. Coscinium fenestrum (Calumba wood)
22. Dactylorhiza hatagirea
23. Gentiana Kurroo (Kuru, Kutki)
24. Gnetum species
25. Kampheria Galenga
26. Nardostachys grandiflora
27. Panax pseudoginseng
28. Picrorhiza kurrooa
29. Swertia chirata (Charayatah)